



West Side School

Friday Notes

April 25, 2014

Principal's Corner





What a busy week back! We returned on Earthday Birthday and celebrated the 224th year of West Side School. Happy Birthday, West Side! Thank you to former principal, Ted Hilton, who shared the story of George Washington's visit to our school centuries ago. Also, thank you to Nancy Patterson and arborist, Laura Blanco, from Greenskeepers, who worked with our second and third graders during recess and for donating a dogwood which was planted in the Garden of Appreciation in honor of Helen Hilton. At our assembly, Mrs. Agnello also shared stories of Mrs. Hilton with our students. On Thursday the boys and girls in second and third grade had lunch and recess with their peers which was sparked by the School Improvement Team's initiative to forge relationships between the two grade levels. Many of the second and third grade girls participated in yoga that was provided during recess. In the spirit of appreciating our environment and getting together, our West Side Running Club began on Thursday. Students prepared for the West Side Run on May 18th and will continue to do so on Thursdays leading up to the race. Hope to see you there.

This year, several of our talented FLES students participated in the Long Island Language Teachers' Association Student Foreign Language Competition. All of these students worked very hard to learn and perform Latin American folk songs or poetry selections for this contest. Students from all over Long Island participated in this annual competition. In the category of Poetry Recitation, Brianna Rose and Jolie Nemshin received honorable mention. Sarah Lynch placed third. Nicholas Aronow placed second. Samuel Reichbach placed first. In the category of Vocal Music, Kathleen Byrne and Holden Schneider received honorable mention. Sam Adler and Michael Byrne placed third. Peter Ryan placed second. Blake Newman placed first. Bravo to all of our participants for a job well done!

On behalf of the faculty at West Side School, I would like to thank the Mittleman Family for their donation of the Interactive Metronome which was featured at last night's EdTech Showcase. Thank you to Ms. DeRosa, Ms. Baratta, Ms. Levesque, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Tassani, Ms. McLaughlin and our student volunteers for a wonderful night! Of course we must also thank Mr. Contess and the CSH Educational Foundation for a spectacular evening!

NYS Assessments

Students in grades **three** through **six** will be taking the NYS ELA and Math Assessments again this year. The NYS Math test will be administered on April 30-May 2. Parents can help to prepare their children for success by:

-  ensuring children get a good night's sleep before each day of testing
-  providing children with a balanced breakfast on the morning of the exam
-  encouraging children to try their hardest
-  **making sure children arrive to school on time – assessments will begin promptly at 9:00 AM**

Field Day Survey

Calling all students in grades 3 – 6! Mr. Yost wants your feedback about previous Field Day events. To help, go to the West Side intranet, click on your grade level, and scroll to the bottom for the link to the survey.

Spring Concert Update

Please note that the date for the evening performance of this year's 5th and 6th grade Spring Concert has been moved to the PAC on May 12th at 7:00 PM. This is a location and date change from the original District calendar.

Upcoming Emergency Drills

In the coming weeks, we will be conducting some unannounced emergency drills with our students. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep our students as safe as possible.

Ellis Island Reenactment is Friday, May 16

Thank you to the many parents who have responded and expressed interest in participating in this unique event. If you haven't done so already please contact Jenean Ketterer at Alexandsophiarock@yahoo.com or text 516-780-4964 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!! We need as much assistance as possible from as many as possible. Please be on the lookout for emails regarding meeting and rehearsal schedules along with other pertinent information. Looking forward to making this a successful experience for our immigrant children.

West Side Run

The West Side Run is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

West Side Run Club

Get in shape for the West Side Run on May 18th! Session Dates: Thursdays - April 24th, May 1st, May 8th & May 15th. Time: After school until 4:10 (prompt pick-up is required). Cost: \$20.00 for all 4 days payable by cash or check made payable to WSS-PTG. Eligible: Students in grades 2-6. Parents are welcome to come join in the fun and can bring younger siblings (at no additional cost). Deadline for registration is Friday April 11, 2014. Please return permission slip. Contact Cat Bauer with any questions: bauerfamilytoronto@gmail.com

West Side Clothing

Visit www.mylocker.net and click on **Get Started**. Enter our zip code – **11791**. Then click **Search**. Scroll down and select **West Side Elementary School**. You now have the ability to purchase and personalize West Side School apparel. Happy shopping!

Important WSS Dates

Fashion and Film Rock the Runway: TONIGHT – Friday, April 25th at 7:00 PM a CSHHS

NYS Math Test – Grades 3 – 6: April 30th – May 2nd

5th Grade Maturation Parent Meeting: May 7th at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room

5th Grade Maturation: May 8th and May 9th

5th and 6th Grade Spring Concert: Monday, May 12th at 7:00 PM at the PAC

PTG Thank You Breakfast: Tuesday, May 13th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

4th Grade Field Trip to Engeman Theater: Tuesday, May 13th

BOE Meeting: Tuesday, May 13th at 8:00 PM at District Office

Ellis Island Setup: Thursday evening, May 15th

Ellis Island Reenactment: Friday, May 16th

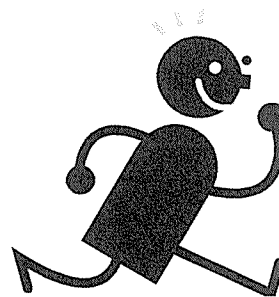
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Please detach and return permission slip below.

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____
to participate after school _____ on _____
Enclosed is \$ _____ (Exact cash or check made payable to the West Side PTG)

In case of an emergency, please contact:

Name _____

Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____



Dear West Side families,

Please join us in supporting our upcoming 22nd annual West Side Run on Sunday, May 18th. West Side School in the Cold Spring Harbor School District is proud to have had so many generous sponsors for the Run in past years. We appreciate the 19 business sponsors and over 74 family sponsors who contributed last year, and we hope you will be able to sponsor this year's event.

Over the past 5 years, the PTG has been able to purchase 15 document cameras which are used in conjunction with the SMART Boards for lessons, an IPTV Cart which is used in the broadcasting of our news program, West Side Speaks. We were able to purchase a new piano for the music department, purchase 3 large Art canvases of the children's work for the halls and office. We refurbished the outdoor basketball courts. We were able to purchase pavers and landscaping for the Main entrance and center island. We buy a new tree every year to celebrate Earth Day/WSS Birthday which continues the arboretum the school is proud of. We were able to purchase the two new glass basketball back boards in the Gym and a new grill for our Field day and camp out events as well as new microscopes for the Science Department. We hope to continue making contributions to our children's education.

Thank you to all of those who have already donated. As a reminder, the Business & Professional Sponsorship minimum donation is \$250. This will include your logo placed on the back of WSS Run T-shirts, your company name printed in the 2015 program, and your company name placed on the WSS parking lot board. Over 500 T-shirts will be circulating with your logo on it!

The Family Sponsors will have their names printed in the 2015 program and placed on the WSS parking lot board.

Attached are both Business and Family sponsorship forms.

We look forward to running with you on Sunday, May 18th. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting a long standing tradition and fun family event at our school!

The West Side Run Committee



Family Sponsor Form

Thank you to all who have already sponsored the WSS Run! However, to those who haven't had a chance, below is a copy of the Family Sponsor form. Thanks in advance for supporting the WSS Run on Sunday, May 18th!!!!

Family: _____
Address: _____

Family sponsors (names on WSS Sponsor Board & 2015 Application)

Gold Patron	\$200
Patron	\$150
Sponsor	\$100
Supporter	\$ 50
Other	_____

Platinum Sponsorships (names on WSS Sponsor Board and 2015 Application)

500 West Side Run T-shirts	\$2000	_____
Trophies	\$ 700	_____
Timer Company Charges	\$ 800	_____
Printing of 6000 Applications	\$ 500	_____

Please make checks payable to WSS/PTG. Return to:

West Side Run Committee
West Side School PTG
1597 Laurel Hollow Road
Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

Any Questions , please contact: Connie Robins @ connierobins@verizon.net

Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
SHARED-DECISION MAKING
 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM • SELF NOMINATION FORM

We are in the process of putting together our School Improvement Teams (SIT) for the 2014-2015 school year. The purpose of SIT is to improve the educational performance of all students in the schools through the collaborative participation of team members in the decision-making process.

Each school's team consists of teachers, administrators and parents. One of our parent representatives from each school must be a parent of a special education student. Each team is required to meet at least once a month from September to June, and to the extent possible, the meetings will be scheduled at the end of a regular school day. One parent per household, per school enrolled is eligible for nomination. **If you are currently sitting as a member of SIT, it is necessary to resubmit your name.** The term of office is for one year, not to exceed a three-year term.

If you will be able to commit to these meetings, and have the desire to participate in this very important and innovative process, please complete the form below.

1. NAME: _____ PHONE#: _____

2. **Please indicate the school you wish to represent:**

NOTE: Your child must attend this school as of September 2014.

- ___ Goosehill Primary School (4 Representatives)
- ___ Lloyd Harbor (4 Representatives)
- ___ West Side (4 Representatives)
- ___ Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School (6 Representatives)

3. ___ **I would like to serve as a parent of a student with special needs.**

(1 representative per school.) Your child must have an individualized educational plan.

4. **Indicate the grade(s) your child(ren) will enter the fall of 2014:**

_____ grade(s)

If more names are received than slots available, there will be an election. At that time, you may be asked to provide a brief statement and/or reasons for seeking this position in 30 words or less. This statement will be printed on the ballot. Your school association executive board will inform you of the election procedures in April. All elections will be completed by April 30th, 2014. If you have any questions about the SIT committee, contact your building principal.

Please return this form to the District Office no later than April 10th, to the attention of School Improvement Team.

Cold Spring Harbor School District
 The Francis Roberts Community Center
 75 Goose Hill Road
 Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

Cold Spring Harbor Athletics
"A Commitment to Excellence"



SEAHAWKS SPORTS CAMPS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

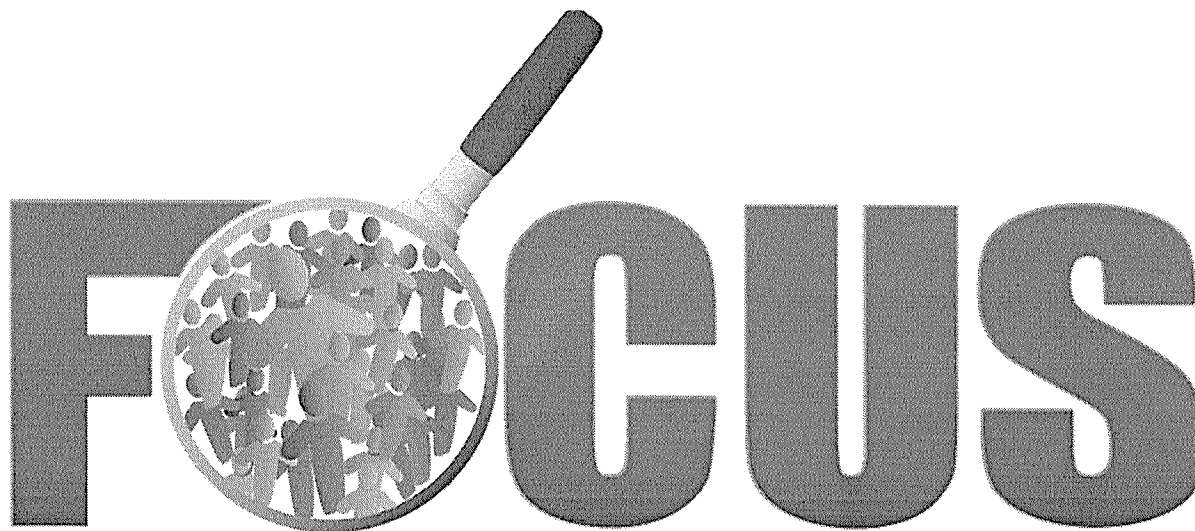
<http://www.seahawkssportscamps.com>

Seahawks Sports Camps is designed to provide young athletes, grades 2 through 12, the opportunity to enhance their fundamental skills, game strategies, and passion for athletics. Our highly skilled Cold Spring Harbor coaches will be providing your son and daughter with a positive and memorable experience that will emphasize teamwork, commitment and enhance their love for the game.

Our goals are for all campers to have fun, learn teamwork and sportsmanship, and become better players in the sports they love.

Please visit the website and you are encouraged to register for one or multiple sports camps in our community. The Cold Spring Harbor coaching staff and varsity teams are very excited about the opportunity to teach your children and develop their skills.

We look forward to your participation in the strong tradition of excellence here at our Seahawks Sports Camps.



Bringing Families and Schools Together

Families of the Community United With Schools Presents:

Karen Torres

Distracted Driving Speaker

Thursday, May 29th

7:00 pm

District Office Boardroom,

75 Goosehill Road
Cold Spring Harbor

Community Service credit given for 7th-12th graders
who attend with a parent or guardian

"Texting and driving has surpassed drinking and driving as the leading cause of death and accidents among teens". "This is not just a teen problem, adults are just as guilty".

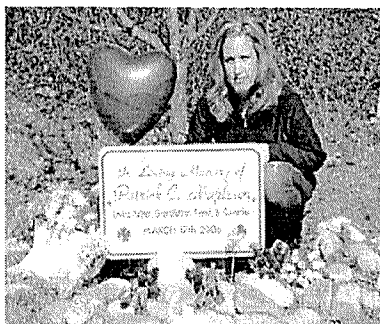
"As parents, our children are in our driving school for the first 16 years of their lives".

"Using the excuse of 'Do what I say, not as I do' is not helping this deadly epidemic".

"It's up to this generation to help change the next".—Karen Torres

KAREN TORRES

Distracted Driving Advocate / Speaker



On March 17, 2006, Karen Torres received a phone call that has forever changed her life. Her father, Patrick Mapleson, was struck and killed by a distracted driver while working along the highway. This began her journey as an safety advocate, speaker, and educator for families and organizations across Long Island. Her story will change how you drive and how you view driving.

Karen has been heavily involved with this issue since 2009 and is deeply driven to prevent distracted driving crashes and deaths. Traveling from high school to high school, Karen has shared her father's tragic death with thousands of students during driver's education classes, school assembly's and peer leadership programs. She is single handedly waking up Long Island on what it means to be a distracted driver.

Karen's advocacy has been featured in local newspapers, magazines, roadway safety campaigns and on television. She has shared her story on Channel 12 News, was featured on WABC news special *"Operation 7 – Save a Life"*, ABC's News Program *"Viewpoint Long Island"* and on Fios News One program *"Heroes on Our Island"* (view clip at <http://fios1news.com/longisland/node/43907>).

In July 2013, Karen was asked by Governor Cuomo to speak along side him at a "No Texting While Driving" press conference. The Governor made special recognition towards Karen's efforts stating "By turning personal tragedy into positive, live-saving action, you have provided lasting inspiration and an indelible example of perseverance to all New Yorkers".

Karen has volunteered for the New York State Department of Transportation by participating in their Public Service Announcement for a state wide roadway safety campaign and appeared as a guest speaker at the DOT's "Kickoff breakfast" for National Work Zone Safety Week. Karen also delivered the Keynote address at the 2013 Dangerous Driving Conference at Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood.

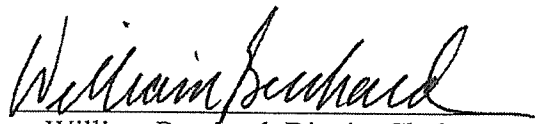
Karen's presentation is also listed in the East End BOCES Arts-In-Education Assembly Catalogue (listed under Distracted Driving Awareness Program).

If you would like to schedule a speaking engagement, please email her at kt@all4udad.com or call (631) 807-2178

COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on April 29, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Francis Roberts Community Center, at which time the Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters appropriate for Executive Session. If no such motion is adopted, the meeting will recess until 7:30 p.m.


William Bernhard, District Clerk

**For Kids & Teens! *Programs from Cold Spring Harbor
Library's Youth Services Department. Registration Required!***

Ceramic Butterflies

Tuesday, April 29 @ 4:30pm

For children in grades K-2

Paint a beautiful ceramic butterfly to display
throughout the spring season.

Ceramic Turtles

Wednesday, April 30 @ 4:30pm

For Children in grades 3-6

Paint a cool turtle to display at home.

**For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services
Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820**

Family Safe Boating Expo

Saturday, May 3 from 9:30 am -5:00 pm

Presented by the Cold Spring Harbor Coast Guard Auxiliary

A full-day boating program will include About Boating Safely Course.

Safety Advice for Boater's Families @ 2:00-3:00 pm

Boating & the Marine Environment - 10:00 am -3:00 pm

For more information please email the

Coast Guard Auxiliary @ cgauxcsh@gmail.com

**For Adults! *Programs for Grown-Ups from Cold Spring Harbor
Library's Information Services Department***



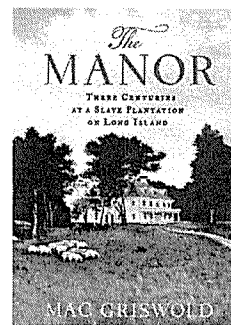
The Karkowska Duo presents *60 Minutes Around the World*

Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 2pm

*A breathtaking journey/adventure around the world with a healthy
dose of humor and an amazing program of popular classic hits*

**Radio Newscast Dramatization of the
2014 Long Island Reads Selection '*The Manor*'**

Sunday, April 27, 2014 at 2pm



**For more information about any Adult Program, contact Information Services
at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.**



SCARSELLA'S
FLOWERS GREENHOUSES & HOME
presents

A CELEBRATION
OF OUR
CREATIVE COMMUNITY
in
LAUREL HOLLOW, NY

WITH

Laura of Hi Tech Photography
Elizabeth of Hummingbird Organics
Andy of Cold Spring Harbor Wine Shoppe
Frederique of Bee Pharm
Fred the Bee Keeper
Thea Lanzisera, Sculptress
Nina Girolamo, Artist
Meghan and Micah Finkel, Wood
Lloyd Roland, Birdhouses
James Johansen, Painter
Dean Williams, Artist
Bob Gurr, Stonework
Anna Dam Volkle, Artist
Geo of Geo Events
Nicole of Sip Tea House
Audrey of Spring Mountain Catering
Andrew Pettersen, Biodynamic Gardener
& Interfaith Ministry

Join us as we celebrate spring, flowers,
and our creative community

Visit the cut flower gardens,
where we grow our own flowers and fresh herbs

Visit the chickens, the birds and the bees

Take a walk through our greenhouses and the Orchid House

Visit with the local artists that make up our community

Enjoy good food and good music

Bring your family and friends

Artistic Vegetable Garden Design, at 12 pm & 3 pm
with Randy Stattham, Landscape Architect and Interior Design

Flowers and Fruit, at 11 am & 2 pm

with Carolyn Morin, Weddings, Parties, & Events

Container Gardening with Herbs, at 10 am & 1 pm
with Amy Maucere, one of our top designers

2 DAYS of PEACE & FLOWERS

MAY 3rd & 4th

Fish Hatchery Festival



April 26, 2014

Rain date: May 3

10am - 4:30pm

Admission: \$6 Adults

\$4 Children/Seniors

Members Free



Kid's Fishing

Fishing for ages 12 & under.

Coaches welcome! Keep your catch.

Raceway stocked with hungry trout!

Petting Zoo

Castle Bouncer

Games • Environmental Exhibitors

Food • Live Animal Encounters • Music

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Councilwoman Susan A. Berland invites you to be a "Fisherman" for a day!

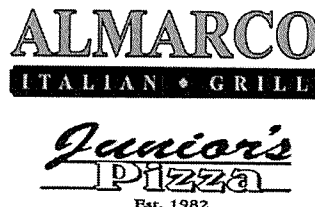
30 Winners between the ages of 7 to 13 will spend the afternoon of
August 12, 2014

On a Fishing Charter boat learning the "Tricks of the Trade" from the
Imperial Sportsmen Club of Long Island!

Send us your best-written essay telling us why YOU should be one of the lucky "catches" of
the day!

In Your Essay, be sure to include:

- 1) Why you want to spend the day on the water.
- 2) Why you think it's important to protect the fish and their habitat.



Essays must be typed and should include name, age, address, and home telephone number.

Submission deadline is FRIDAY, MAY 30TH, 2014.

Lunch will be provided by Junior's Pizza on Wall Street

Please address submissions to:

**Councilwoman Susan A. Berland
"Fisherman for a Day" Contest
Huntington Town Hall
100 Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743**



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